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1. AT 1215 TODAY, PASSENGER BUS, CARRYING APPROXIMATELY 25-30 PASSENGERS, TRAVELLING BETWEEN VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG, WAS AMBUSHED BY UNKNOWN NUMBER OF APPARENT BANDITS (NOT PATHET LAO) 35 KMS NORTH OF MUONG KASSI. FOUR PASSENGERS WERE KILLED AND AT LEAST THREE WOUNDED, INCLUDING ONE PRESENTLY UNIDENTIFIED CAUCASIAN COUPLE AND ONE AUSTRALIAN WHO IS BADLY WOUNDED AND WAS FLOWN TO USAF HOSPITAL IN UDORN. AMERICAN CITIZEN, MIKE MCGOUGH, FROM BARRYVILLE, NEW YORK, FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER, WAS PASSENGER ON BUS BUT UNHARMED.

2. MCGOUGH RELATED STORY THAT BUS WAS RAKED BY M-16 FIRE FROM SCE OF ROAD, FOLLOWED BY UNKNOWN NUMBER OF HAND GRENADES. THE BUS DRIVER WAS KILLED INSTANTLY. AFTER BUS STOPPED, MEN IN NON-DESCRIPTIVE UNIFORM ENTERED VEHICLE AND SEARCHED SOME
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BODIES FOR VALUABLES. MCGOUGH FEIGNED DEATH AND HAD HIS WATCH
TAKEN. ALL BANDITS APPEARED TO BE MEO TRIBESMEN.

3. FAR MILITARY IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION AND WILL RECOVER
BODIES AND ASSIST WOUNDED.
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